

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on January 13, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 160, 1/6/2017; HB 166, 1/6/2017; HB 172, 1/6/2017  
Executive Action: HB 80; HB 106; HB 120

**HEARING ON HB 160**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:16 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 160, Assign warranty responsibility to registered contractor for work under contract.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:05 Aimee Grmoljez, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:13 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:22 Rep. Pierson  
00:11:53 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
00:12:32 Rep. Loge  
00:13:04 Rep. Lenz  
00:14:02 Rep. Olsen  
00:14:49 Rep. Lenz  
00:15:16 Rep. Olsen  
00:15:44 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
00:16:20 Rep. Vinton  
00:17:22 Rep. Lenz  
00:17:41 Rep. Vinton  
00:18:12 Rep. Lenz  
00:18:49 Rep. Ricci  
00:19:53 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
00:21:58 Rep. Ricci  
00:22:30 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA  
00:22:43 Rep. Ricci  
00:23:11 Rep. Lenz  
00:24:47 Rep. Olsen  
00:25:20 Aimee Grmoljez, PCIA  
00:27:41 Chair Noland  
00:28:41 Rep. Rosendale  
00:29:14 Abigail St. Lawrence, MBIA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:05 Rep. Lenz

00:30:47 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting

**HEARING ON HB 166**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:49 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 166, Revising laws related to donation of game meat for nonprofit meal distribution.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:34 James Kizer, Great Falls Rescue Mission  
00:38:32 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:46 Rep. Pierson  
00:41:01 Rep. Trebas  
00:41:25 Rep. Pierson  
00:41:44 Rep. Trebas  
00:41:59 Rep. Pierson  
00:42:05 Rep. Trebas  
00:42:18 Rep. Curdy  
00:42:40 Rep. Trebas  
00:42:50 Rep. Curdy  
00:42:55 Rep. Trebas  
00:43:03 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.  
00:43:06 Rep. Ricci  
00:43:38 James Kizer, Great Falls Rescue Mission  
00:43:53 Rep. Ricci  
00:44:10 Rep. Trebas  
00:44:28 Chair Noland  
00:45:05 James Kizer, Great Falls Rescue Mission  
00:45:52 Rep. Loge  
00:46:22 James Kizer, Great Falls Rescue Mission

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:36 Rep. Trebas

**HEARING ON HB 172**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:22 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 172, Generally revise telephone cooperative laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:56 David Gibson, Three Rivers Communications

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:02:31 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecom Association  
01:06:36 E. J. Redding, Triangle Telephone Cooperative

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:07:57 Rep. Olsen  
01:10:44 David Gibson, Three Rivers Communications  
01:12:55 Rep. Rosendale  
01:13:30 Rep. Curdy  
01:13:42 David Gibson, Three Rivers Communications  
01:14:17 Rep. Curdy  
01:14:54 David Gibson, Three Rivers Communications  
01:18:08 Rep. Curtis  
01:19:13 Geoff Feiss, MTA  
01:21:53 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:22:03 David Gibson, Three Rivers Communications  
01:22:39 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:23:29 David Gibson, Three Rivers Communications  
01:24:37 Chair Noland

**EXHIBIT(buh10a01)**

01:25:37 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:47 Rep. Fitzgerald  
  
01:28:40 Recessed  
01:47:25 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80**

01:48:36 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 80 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:48:51 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:49:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 106**

01:50:27 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 106 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:50:47 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:51:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120**

01:51:50 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 120 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:52:26 Pat Murdo, LSD  
01:55:46 Rep. Windy Boy  
01:56:44 Rep. Curtis  
01:57:35 Rep. Olsen  
01:58:05 Rep. Rosendale

01:58:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 120 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(buh10a02)**

02:00:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 120 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Schreiner voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:02:05

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh10aad.pdf](#))